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Re application of: Amy Christine DIMMICK et al.
Application No.: 10/526,343

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Art Unit: 1793

Examiner: Pegah Parvini

For: HIGH GLOSS CALCIUM CARBONATE COATING COMPOSITIONS AND COATED PAPER AND PAPER BOARD MANUFACTURED FROM SAME

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In the interest of full disclosure, the following items are herewith identified in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 for consideration by Examiner. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

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REMARKS ON RELEVANCY

Regarding JP54120709, a method is proposed according to which a calcium carbonate slurry suitable for paper quality improvement is prepared by introducing a powder of ground calcium carbonate and slurry of precipitated calcium carbonate into a high-speed mixer and intensively mixing the blend. The slurry obtained by this method, however, has a disadvantage in respect of the low paper quality such as white paper glossiness and a slurry of a high solid concentration of 75% by weight or higher can hardly be obtained as compared with slurries of

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wet-ground calcium carbonate currently under practical use in many paper manufacturers.

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Accordingly, Applicants request that the above information be considered and made of record by the Examiner in the above-referenced patent application and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a second (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, applicant elects the option to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c) (\$180.00).

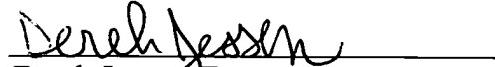
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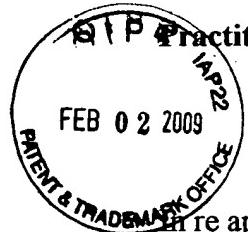
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